

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED IN PHILADELPHIA UNION CIRCLES

ENTIRE CITY MAY FEEL EFFECT

President of Central Labor Union Is Jailed and Laborites Are Aroused.

IS INCOMMUNICADO IN THE CITY JAIL

Friends Not Permitted to See Him—The Street Car Strike Situation the Same.



Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—As today is a holiday, it cannot be told until tomorrow how generally the strike order will be obeyed.

Radical labor leaders say there will be a general walkout. The leaders are holding conferences today to determine when the strike order will go into effect. Rumor is current that a warrant is also out for the arrest of president John J. Murphy, of the Central Labor union.

Efforts of some of Pratt's friends to see him during the morning were made impossible by the police. Orders were rigid and a hundred men and boys arrested yesterday and last night for participating in disorder were given hearings without the presence of friends. During the morning there was the usual stoning of cars in several parts of the city, the most serious trouble in the northeastern section, where two boys in a crowd stoning a car were shot by a policeman. One of them was seriously wounded.

No hand has yet been raised in an effort to bring about a peaceful settlement of the strike. The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company officials say it is a fight to the end. This is also the declaration of the union. The company is running cars in the principal streets but the service is irregular and few people venture to ride.

The political situation in Philadelphia must not be overlooked. The president of the Central Labor union, Murphy, was last fall a candidate for city treasurer on the ticket of the William Penn party, the reform organization that has made a bitter war on the Republican machine. Murphy was badly defeated. Politics has also played a part in the management of the street railway system, local leaders taking an active interest in it.

The advisability of calling out the troops was discussed during the morning.

Although president John J. Murphy, of the Central Labor union, which claims a membership of 100,000, first said a general strike had been called, he later modified this and said the presidents of all affiliated trade unions as to the advisability of calling a general sympathetic strike had been consulted. Murphy said he felt confident that all organized labor of the city would agree to strike.

TEXAS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER

Fl. Worth, Tex., Feb. 22.—Bertha Webber, charged with the murder of Cole Watts, in Rosen Hotel nearly a year ago, today pleaded guilty in Judge Buck's district court and was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary.

The woman declared that she killed Watts for a man whom she refuses to name.

SMUGGLED CHINAMEN ARE PUT INTO CAR AT EL PASO, SUSPICION CAUGHT AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—Fourteen Chinamen were found last night in a box car on the Southern Pacific tracks. The car was billed "lumber," and had come from Memphis, destined for San Francisco.

It is believed by immigration inspector Hutchins that the Chinamen got into the car at El Paso.

Shortly after the discovery of the Chinamen, Thomas A. Montez was arrested as he was about to take the train for El Paso. The Chinese were amply supplied with food and water. They will be held here pending an investigation.

RIOTS FOLLOW STRIKE IN GUADALUPE ISLAND

Point A. Pitte, Guadeloupe, Feb. 22.—Following the strike of 20,000 sugar cane cutters, several grandstanding plants have ceased operations. Attempts to continue gathering crops are opposed by the strikers, who have started fires in several fields. The distillery and grandstanding plant of "Courcel" were sacked during the night and a number of employees wounded.

FARMINGTON PANIC IN A WILD OVER ROAD THEATER IS AVERTED

Raises More Money Than Is Needed for the Project and Celebrates All Night.

BELLS RING AND GUNS BOOM

Farmington, N. M., Feb. 22.—Amid the glare of bonfires, the din of booming anvils, the ringing of church and fire bells, the rattle of small arms and giant crackers and shouts of the populace, Farmington put in most of last night celebrating the close up of raising \$27,000 for the new railroad from the south. Only \$25,000 was required.

All citizens act as if intoxicated in the face of positive assurances that the road will be built, and work of construction is expected to commence inside of 60 days.

TAFT MAY TURN DOWN MR. LYON

Said That the President Will Name Texas Judge to Suit Himself.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Cecil A. Lyon, of Sherman, accredited leader of the Texas Republicans, will remain over until tomorrow when president Taft will return from New York.

Lyon will then ask Taft to appoint G. C. McCrady, of Bonham, as United States judge of the eastern district of Texas, succeeding the late Judge Bryant.

Information received at the capitol today is that Taft will give Lyon and Texas a big surprise when he announces the appointment and that there are good reasons for believing that Taft will not appoint the man selected by Lyon if he can possibly help it.

While Lyon and Roosevelt were great friends, it is said such close relations do not exist between the Texas leader and Taft, who has declared that Texas appointments will not be dictated. At least these are reports around the capitol and white house.

DAVIDSON CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Austin, Tex., Feb. 22.—It is reported from authentic sources today that A. B. Davidson, of Cuero, will be a candidate for lieutenant governor against S. Bascom Thomas and that Brashfield of Rusk will withdraw from the race.

This understanding is said to have been reached at a conference between Davidson and Brashfield.

R. L. McKibbin, traveling passenger agent of the G. H. & S. A., with offices in San Antonio, Texas, is in the city.

Close Call at El Paso Theater Just Over Some Rags Burning in the Alley.

COOL HEADS CALM PEOPLE

For the third time in the history of the El Paso theater, a panic was averted Monday evening by the presence of mind of a few men who had sufficient self control to keep cool.

Between the second and third acts of "The Boys and Betty," show, the occupants of the seats on the right side of the theater detected the strong odor of smoke, which resembled the smoke from burning clothing. With that strange terror which inspires panic, the people in the right section began to move restlessly in their seats. Soon the contagion of uneasiness spread across the aisle to the main section of the theater.

The house employees slipped noiselessly about the back of the house in search of the cause of the odor. One man in one section arose and went to the rear of the theater to investigate. He returned and sat down, then jumped up a second time and hurried to the rear, where he talked in an excited tone which could be heard in the rear half of the section. The fire doors were thrown open. The odor became stronger and the lumbering rattle of a scene wagon in the alley caused the crowd to think it was the fire department in the north alley.

One woman arose in the center of the house as if to leave. Another jumped to her feet in the box. Men stood up and in an instant the rows of seats were dotted with people standing.

"Sit down," some one called, and the crowd took it up. An actor rushed to the front and shouted to the crowd to remain. The command was obeyed. Manager Rich walked down the aisle and told the frightened people that everything was all right. The crowd settled back in their seats with a sigh. Then Mr. Rich explained from the stage that it was paper burning in the alley which had caused the odor of smoke, the orchestra struck up the strains of the "Boys and Betty" music and the curtain went up on the last act of the Cahill comedy. Another panic had been averted by the injection of presence of mind into the situation.

The other two times when there came near being a panic at the El Paso theater were in 1907 and when the Texas Street Stock company was playing stock at the Richard Carle production of "Mary's Lamb" in 1903. The first one was caused by a fire on the roof of the scene loft. Few people knew of it, although the fire department was at work on the roof while a Sunday matinee crowd of women and children listened to Beth Tate sing "I Was Born in Virginia."

The second one was last year, when two men engaged in a fight in the second gallery or "roost" of the theater. The noise of the scuffle caused the crowd down stairs to think there was a fire above and it did not seem for a few men calling to the crowd to keep quiet and sit down, there might have been a duplication of the Iriquois theater panic at Chicago.

CAIRO STILL IN HANDS OF TROOPS.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 22.—With five companies of the National Guard patrolling the streets, Cairo is quiet today.

Adj. Gen. Dickson has decided to keep the militia here as long as there is a chance of the mob's attempting to avenge the death of Alexander Haddad by the negro deputy sheriffs, who fired on him from the jail.

OFFICIALS OF DEFUNCT BANK ARE INDICTED

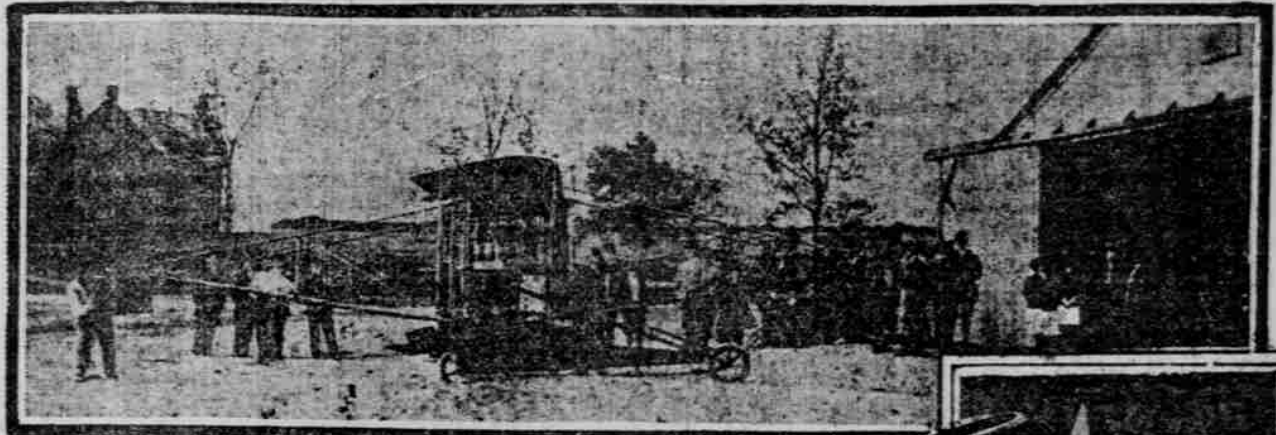
Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22.—Dallas county grand jury today returned indictments against Fred Fleming, and D. A. Templeton, president and vice president respectively of the defunct Western Bank and Trust company, charging them with receiving money on deposit when the bank was insolvent. The bank failed in 1908 owing its depositors over \$700,000.

FIRE LOSS AT WEIMAR.

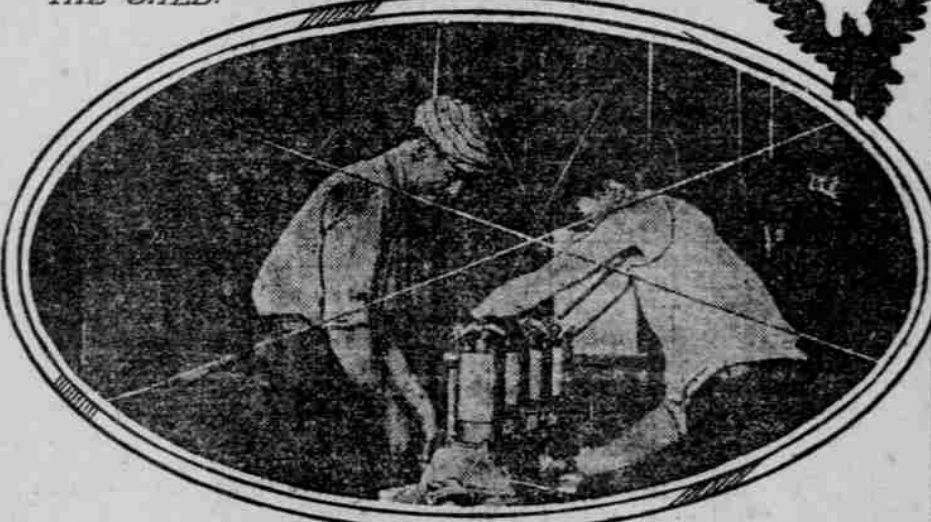
San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 22.—Fire at Weimar near here this morning destroyed seven business houses at a loss of \$13,000.

EL PASO SEES THE MAN BIRD FLY

THE BIG-AIR CAR THAT IS BEING USED IN EL PASO



THE CURTIS AEROPLANE LEAVING THE SHED.



SETTING UP THE CURTIS AEROPLANE MOTOR.



ONE OF THE AIR TUBES USED WHEN FLYING OVER WATER.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND THE STAKES

Redmond and Associates in Parliament Are Playing Their Hands Steadily.

MAY SUPPORT THE CABINET

London, England, Feb. 22.—The political atmosphere continued heavy when parliament reassembled today, but a ray of hope appeared with the announcement that the Nationalists at a meeting earlier in the day had decided not to move an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

This decision was accepted generally to mean that although John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, had rendered judgment against the government, he and his followers had decided to defer the execution of sentence and not throw out the cabinet over the budget, while abstaining from supporting the financial measure as they abstained in the last parliament.

Home rule for Ireland is the stake for which the Nationalists are playing and they realize that it would cease to be a live issue immediately upon the resignation or defeat of the government.

CHICAGO KILLS THE RED FIFTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE TO LEAVE LIGHT DISTRICT OF CITY

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—Chicago's great "red light" district is doomed. "Permit the sale of no liquor after May first in any place where women congregate," was the order issued last night by chief of police Steward. It came like a bombshell in the tenderloin.

An result of the order the police officials predict that there will be an exodus from Chicago of 15,000 men and women.

RECKLESS ENGINEER IS CAUSED WRECK; THREE WERE KILLED CONVICTED, MANSLAUGHTER

Shreveport, La., Feb. 22.—Engine foreman Lon F. Irvine, of the Kansas City Southern, was convicted of manslaughter here today in the district court in connection with a collision of the Kansas City Southern switch engine with a Texas & Pacific passenger train in which three persons were killed. The wreck occurred Jan. 9. Engineer Maddox was acquitted. Irvine was running the engine at the time.

WEDNESDAY HE FLIES AGAIN

First Performance in Wind. Machine Is Caught by a Gust and Damaged.

NERVY LITTLE AVIATOR BUSY

Enormous Crowd Packs the Grandstand—All Tickets Good for Wednesday's Flights.

After making two sensational flights at Washington park this afternoon, rising to a height of about 75 feet each time, Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, was caught by a gust of wind during the third flight, the machine was turned over and the left plane damaged.

After the first two flights Hamilton lightened the heavier than air biplane and again mounted the seat for the third attempt against the wind and then it was that the wind caught him. Hamilton was slightly injured, but not to such an extent that he will not be able to fly Wednesday.

Extension of five feet will be put on each side of the machine, mechanics working all night to get it in readiness. Immediately after the accident to his machine, Hamilton stated that his difficulty had been caused owing to the lightness of the air.

As the huge yellow craft glided upward like an eagle in its flight, the crowd cheered with the hysterical enthusiasm that is inspired with a new world wonder. Sitting in the cramped little seat, his hands gripping the propeller wheel upon which depended his own life and death, Hamilton, the bundle of steel nerves, guided his machine through the upper air currents with the grace of an expert horseman.

It was difficult work against the wind, but Hamilton is nervy.

The Wind.

As fickle as a woman, the wind was noticeable by its absence this morning. At 10 o'clock the air was as calm as the silent sea. There was not an air current stirring the dead grass on the baseball field. By 10:30 the wind was up and doing and when Hamilton walked out into the center of the enclosure with a wind gauge in his hand, the indicator read 29 miles an hour. But Hamilton is no amateur. "Go while the going is good" is not his motto. He flies regardless of weather conditions.

All night chief mechanic A. C. Doty and his assistants worked by torch light assembling the world's famous biplane, which smashed all records at Rheims, France. Part by part, piece by piece, the big 60 horse power Curtiss air car was put together by the experts. This morning everything was in readiness for Hamilton's inevitable test flight at noon. The four cylinder, 30 horsepower biplane was also set up for emergencies and both of the machines were in place in front of the grandstand before 12:30 o'clock.

Tremendous Crowds.

The crowd started pouring through the gates as soon as Nat Reiss's men threw them open to the public. By 1 o'clock the crowd was filling the grandstand rapidly, every eye focused on the two wonderful machines on the track. Long before the man bird appeared in his baggy business suit and tweed cap, the crowd had filled the grandstand and bleachers. No one was allowed on the field but the mechanics, the announcer and the press representatives.

The car service to the park was ample and the street car company will be able to handle the large crowds to see Hamilton's clever work Wednesday. The aviator and his managers assure the public that the great Curtiss machine will be in readiness for the exhibition Wednesday.

All tickets held today will be good for the flights Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY LAST DAY MASTER OF THE AIR FLIES IN EL PASO TO SEE THE BIRD MAN

Charles K. Hamilton, the bird man, will fly in El Paso again on Wednesday. This will be the last and only chance to see the bird man in his flights.

Hamilton holds the record for making the fastest mile ever made in a heavier than air machine and challenges any man in the world to race him 10 or 20 miles for a purse of \$5000 or \$10,000. He is absolutely fearless and is master of the air and of the aeroplane. He will fly, wind or no wind, but, of course, the better the weather, the better the flights he can make.

The flights begin at 2 o'clock. Spectators are invited by manager Nat Reiss to be at the grounds half an hour earlier to make an inspection of the aeroplanes, if they are interested in the machines.

Mechanics will be present to explain the operations of the machines to those interested.

To Fly, Rain or Shine.

Not only will Mr. Hamilton give an exhibition of flying at heights and distances, but he will race with automobiles and motorcycles, and will give exhibitions of quick starts and stops, cutting figure eights and doing various other stunts of an exciting nature.

R. H. Rinehart, who was given charge of the automobile feature for the meeting, quit selling insurance long enough to arrange for C. A. Stewart to race his big Buick cars against Hamilton.

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BOTH FIGHTERS ARE CONFIDENT

Nelson and Wolgast Go to the Ring Each Expecting Victory.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Light showers which fell during the night, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the record crowd that set out this morning for Richmond, Contra Costa county, where Battling Nelson and Wolgast were scheduled to battle 45 rounds, this afternoon for the lightweight championship.

The betting today had Nelson a two to one favorite. Both Nelson and Wolgast were close to the weight limit this morning, and both were supremely confident of winning.

T. Evans, purchasing agent of the Cananea Consolidated Copper company, is at the Sheldon.

HOGS REACH HIGHEST PRICE ON RECORD

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 22.—Hogs sold here today at \$9.35 a hundred weight, the highest price ever reached on the local market.

LOVE OPPOSES POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Wichita Falls, Tex., Feb. 22.—Three hundred bankers of the seventh Texas district in convention today heard T. B. Love, former state bank and insurance commissioner.

Love strongly opposed the postal savings banks, declaring that the rate of interest is too low and that other benefits are insufficient.

SEATS FOR AVIATION Meet At Herald Office

The sale of seats for the aviation meeting at Washington Park continues at The Herald office. The ticket seller was almost swamped this morning with the demand for box and general admission tickets.

The seat sale will continue at The Herald office until 12 o'clock Wednesday. Herald coupons of Saturday and Monday are still good for 25 cents on admission tickets, up to the hour of closing the sale at The Herald office. These coupons are not good at the park gates; there the admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Box seats are the same price at The Herald and at the park—\$1 each for the seats, but it must be remembered that the admission ticket is also necessary. This makes box seats and admission cost \$2 if bought at the gate or \$1.75 if purchased at The Herald office with Herald coupons, the coupon being taken on all admission tickets, but not on the tickets for box seats.

The grandstand is free for all general admissions.

See the Bird Man Fly Wednesday At Washington Park